**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* I am sorry, then there is the question of either by train or plane. It will be revelation to this House to know that according to the present rates, it is cheaper for Government if officers go by plane and not by train.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* There is not much of a revelation in it.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Well therefore a trip by plane to Delhi will save a good deal of time to Delhi, also save a good deal of money for Government. I say it is cheaper.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* We accept it because we know it.

**Mr. President :** No interruption please.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Therefore, the House will know that the Ministers have been making only the irreducible number of trips to Delhi and the cheapest mode of travel alone is being resorted to—of course road travel excluded. Therefore, I must submit in all humility, before this House, that there is absolutely no case for any apprehension that Government money or the taxpayers' money is being frittered away by too many trips of too costly trips made either by officers or by the Ministers. My experience gained during the last two trips—and I am glad to submit that this has been the experience—and of my Hon'ble friend the Minisrer for Public Health also, that this Government has been too late in the field, these sort of contacts ought to have been made earlier in many matters. This Government could have gained a lot than what it has done to-day. Therefore, I would request the Hon'ble Member and other members of this House not to disabuse themselves of any misunderstanding in this matter.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* If there be any?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* It is absolutely necessary for Government to make contacts and if in making these contacts and if gaining something for Government if the Members of Government who make these contacts also, gained anything then, do not grudge it.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Who ever grudges it? In spite of the most chosen words in that most rash reply, I already stated even without a reply, I would withdraw. But in the light of the reply why should I hesitate to withdraw. Therefore, I seek the leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

*Motion, by leave, withdrawn*

**Mr. President :** The question before the House is that an additional sum of Rs. 15,400 be granted under "16-1-Huzur Secretariat—T.A. for Ministers and their staff".

*Demand, put and carried*

## 4. Condolence Motions (1) On the demise of Her Highness the late Valiamma Tampuran

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Mr. President, Sir, *"This Council desires to express with due respect, its deep sorrow on the lamented demise of Her Highness the late Valiamma Tampuran and its sincere sympathy with His Highness the Maharaja and other members of the Ruling Family, in this their sad bereavement."*

In commending this motion to the acceptance of this House, I am sure the House will agree with me that it is the solemn duty of this House to give expression to our profound grief on the demise of Her Highness the late Valiamma Tampuran, and convey to His Highness the Maharaja and the members of the Ruling family, our heart-felt condolences and sympathy. The loss suffered by the demise of Her Highness on 21st Kumbham 1122 is an irrepairable one. The very simple and pious life which Her Highness has led in a manner characteristic of the member of the illustrious Ruling Family of Cochin, deserves to be regarded as an inspiring example to each and every one in Cochin and elsewhere. Born in 1038, Her Highness became the Valiamma Tampuran on 16th Edavam 1117 and ever since then, Her Highness took a very keen interest in the welfare of the Ruling family, as a result of which the Ruling Family prospered in every direction. I commend the motion for the acceptance of the House.

**Mr. President :** I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Minister for Food and Education on the demise of Her Highness Valiamma Tampuran. I commend the motion to the acceptance of the House.

*Motion was passed, all Hon'ble Members standing*

*The House rose for lunch at 1-30 p. m. and re-assembled at 2-30 p. m. with the Hon'ble President M. R. Ry. L. M. Pylee Avl., M. A., B. L. in the Chair*



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